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SUBJECT: MEDIA REACTION: KISSINGER RUMSFELD IN CONFLICT?

UNDER BANNER HEADLINE "KISSINGER THREATENS", NATIONAL
MOVEMENT ORGAN ARRIBA TODAY RUNS A DISPATCH FROM ITS
NEW YORK CORRESPONDENT FELIX ORTEGA WITH SUBJEAD

"THERE IS DISCORD BETWEEN KISSINGER AND RUMSFELD".

OTEGA BASES HIS ANALYSIS ON "TWO SIMULTANEOUS
INTERVIEWS WITH BOTH FIGURES IN THE MOST RECENT ISSUE
OF U.S. NEWS AND WORLD REPORT THAT CLEARLY INDICATE
THE DE-SYNCHRONIZATION EXTANT". BETWEEN THEM ON THE

ISSUE OF DETENTE, NOTING ALSO THAT THE BANNED
FRENCH WORD "IS ONE OF THE FUNDAMENTAL ITEMS
IN THE CURRENT ELECTION CAMPAIGN". QUOTES FOLLOW:

"THE DISAPPEARANCE OF JAMES SCHLESINGER FROM THE
PENTAGON AND HIS SUBSTITUTION FOR THE CURRENT
SECRETARY OF DEFENSE, DONALD RUMSFELD, HAS NOT
ELIMINATED, AS IT SEEMED AT FIRST, THE PEBMLE FROM
THE SHOE OF HENRY KISSINGER."

"FOR RUMSFELD ABOUT WHOM THEY SAY HE WOULDN'T
MIND BEING VICE PRESIDENT "DETENTE" IS ONLY AN
EXPERIMENT THAT OUGHT TO FLOW FROM SUPERIOR AMERICAN
WEAPONRY, WHILE FOR KISSINGER IT IS AN HISTORIC
NECESSITY THAT ISSUES FROM A FEARSOME MILITARY
EQUILIBRIUM..."

"THE SUBJECT IS SEEN MORE CLEARLY IN THE CASE OF
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THE SALT TALKS. FOR KISSINGER THEY MEAN THE NOW

AFTER A FRIGHTFUL EQUILIBRIUM, SHOULD BEGIN THE PROCESS OF DISARMAMENT. FOR RUMSFELD, NEVERTHERLESS, THE PROBLEM IS NOT DISARMAMENT, BUT HOW TO FOCUS ON THE ECONOMY THAT NEGOTIAION COULD PRODUCE. REDUCTION AGREEMENTS WITH THE USSR WILL NOT PERMIT US, HE SAYS, TO REDUCE EXPENSE (WHILE) MAINTAINING SECURITY, BUT THEY COULD "ALLOW US TO LIMIT SUCH EXPENSE" IN STRATEGIC ARMS. TWO CONCEPTS BASICALLY DIFFERENT".

"FOR THE FUTURE, THE SITUATION IS CLEARER. FOR THE SECRETARY OF STATE, THE DANGER OF WAR DOESN'T COME FROM SUPER CONFRONTATION, BUT FROM REGIONAL CONFLICTS. MEANWHILE RUMSFELD DOESN'T CONSIDER REGIONAL CONFRONTATION AS A POSSIBLE THREAT". ORTEGA EXAMINES THE TWO SECRETARIES' VIEWS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF NUCLEAR WAR, DECLARING THAT KISSINGER "DOES NOT EXCLUDE IT". "BUT RUMSFELD THINKS IT HIGHLY POSSIBLE."

"SUCH ARE THINGS BETWEEN THE TWO SECRETARIES. THE FUTURE IS THREATENING FOR KISSINGER AND SHINING FOR RUMSFELD. THE SECRETARY OF STATE IS ON THE DEFENSIVE. YOUR REPORTER HEARD REAGON SAY IN MIAMI THAT THE FIRST THING HE WOULD DO IF HE WERE ELECTED WOULD BE TO ELIMINATE KISSINGER, A FEELING WITHIN THE REPUBLICAN PARTY THAT FORD CANNOT IGNORE..."

"THE STRUGGLE BETWEEN THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE AND THE DEPARTMENT OF DEFENSE WILL CONTIUNE TO BE WHO WINS ON THE ISSUE OF FOREIGN POLICY. AND RIGHT NOW THINGS LOOK AS IF POLITICAL AND DIPLOMATIC SOLUTIONS IN THAT FOREIGN POLICY ARE BEHOLDEN TO STRICTLY MILITARY ATTITUDES AS CONDITIONING THAT POLICY. AND EVEN THOUGH KISSINGER ISN'T A SAINT FOR THE DEVOTION OF MANY PEOPLE, IF HE LOSES, SO, OVER TIME, WILL ALL OF US." ITEM RYALNCE

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